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## COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

### BEANS, WESTERN STYLE, CANNED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description.

#### 1. SCOPE.

1.1 This Commercial Item Description (CID) covers western style beans, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by Federal, State, local governments, and other interested parties.

#### 2. CLASSIFICATION.

2.1 The western style beans shall conform to the types of beans in the following list which shall be specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

##### Types of beans.

- Type of bean I - Pinto
- Type of bean II - Pink
- Type of bean III - Red
- Type of bean IV - Black
- Type of bean V - Lentil
- Type of bean VI - Combination of two or more types of beans (purchaser specification)
- Type of bean VII - Other

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### **3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.**

**3.1 Raw ingredients:** The quality of the pinto, pink, red, black, and lentil beans used to make western style beans shall be not less than U.S. No. 1 Grade.

#### **3.2 Finished product:**

**3.2.1 Ingredients:** The finished product shall contain beans, water, tomato paste, chili peppers, spices, other suitable seasonings and flavorings, and may contain a blend of vegetable oils, animal fat, and vegetables such as peppers, tomatoes, onions, and corn, etc.

**3.2.2 Flavor and odor:** The canned western style beans shall possess characteristic flavor and odor. The canned western style beans shall be free from objectionable or foreign flavors or odors; e.g., scorched, sour, bitter, etc.

**3.2.3 Color:** The color of the canned western style beans shall be typical of the type of seasoning and type of bean used.

**3.2.4 Texture:** The canned western style beans shall be soft, not hard or mushy.

**3.2.5 Age requirement:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the canned western style beans shall be prepared and processed from the current year=s crop.

**3.2.6 Defects:** The canned western style beans shall be reasonably free from loose skins, mashed, broken, or blemished beans.

**3.2.7 Foreign material:** All ingredients shall be clean, sound, wholesome, and free from glass, dirt, insect parts, burnt, scorched, stale, sour, rancid, musty, and evidence of rodent or insect infestation.

### **4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.**

**4.1** The delivered canned western style beans shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sale of the canned western style beans in the commercial marketplace. Delivered canned western style beans shall conform in every respect to the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

**5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS.** *Purchaser shall specify 5.1 or 5.2.*

**5.1 Product conformance.** The canned western style beans provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this CID, conform to the producer's own specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and be the same canned western style beans offered for sale in the commercial market. The purchaser reserves the right to require proof of such conformance.

**5.2 USDA certification.** When the solicitation, contract, or purchase order requires that the canned western style beans quality or acceptability or both be determined, the Processed Products Branch (PPB), Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA shall be the certifying activity and shall make the determination in accordance with applicable PPB procedures. The canned western style beans shall be examined or analyzed, or both, in accordance with applicable provisions in this CID, solicitation, contract, or purchase order, and when applicable, the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers in effect on the date of the solicitation.

**6. PACKAGING.**

**6.1 Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking.** Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking shall be as specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

**7. NOTES.**

**7.1 Purchasers shall specify:**

- Type of bean(s) desired.
- Additional ingredients or blends desired.
- Product conformance (5.1) or USDA certification (5.2).

**7.2 USDA certification contact.**

For USDA certification, contact the Branch Chief, PPB, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0247, telephone (202) 720-4693, or FAX (202) 690-1527.

**7.3 Sources of documents.**

**7.3.1 Sources of information for governmental documents are as follows:**

Applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are contained in 21 CFR Parts 1 to 199. This document may be purchased from: **Superintendent of Documents, ATTN: New Orders, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.** Credit card (MasterCard or Visa) purchases may be made by calling the Superintendent of Documents on (202) 512-512-1803 or on

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**the Internet at: <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg>.**

Copies of the United States Standards for Beans are available from: **Federal Grain Inspection Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, MSD-HSB, PDMS, Room 1A28, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737, or on the Internet at: <http://www.usda.gov/gispa>.**

Copies of the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers are available from: **Chairperson, Condition of Container Committee, STOP 0243, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0243.**

Civil agencies and other interested parties may obtain copies of this CID from: **General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Specifications Section, Suite 8100, 470 East L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407.**

Military activities should submit requests for copies of this CID to: **Standardization Documents Order Desk, Defense Automation Printing Service, 700 Robbins Avenue, Building 4D, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.**

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Navy - SA  
Air Force - 35

DOJ - BOP  
HHS - NIH, IHS  
USDA - FV  
VA - OSS

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Navy - MC

**PREPARING ACTIVITY:**

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